



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Pediatric Mental Health Innovation Center project** in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Children's Health System of Texas, located at 6601 S. Lancaster Road, Dallas, Texas 75241.

The funding would be used to serve children that have mild to moderate depression and anxiety and who currently are not being treated for their mental health needs, with the Center projecting to serve 50,000 children annually. Pediatric mental health issues are negatively affecting as many as 600,000 of the two million children across North Texas today including 175,000 children in Dallas County alone. Funding for a new Pediatric Mental Health Innovation Center would be a timely and beneficial response to the growing pediatric mental health crisis occurring in Texas.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Z. Allred", written in a cursive style.

Colin Z. Allred  
Member of Congress